

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007 – 1:00 P.M.
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF DURAM BULLS ATHLETIC PARK FIELD
NAME AS “GOODMON FIELD”**

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Brown to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above-mentioned subject was approved at 3:53 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: None. Absent: None.

MOTION by Council Member Woodard seconded by Council Member Catotti to designate the official name of the Durham Bulls Athletic Park field as “Goodmon Field” was approved at 3:53 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: None. Absent: None.

**SUBJECT: ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH – TREE REMOVAL AT 917
ONSLow STREET**

To receive comments from Reverend Robert L. Daniels regarding the tree at 917 Onslow Street.

Attorney Billy Marsh representing St. John Baptist Church requested removal of the tree located at 917 Onslow Street and asked that city pay for the removal. He referenced the adverse impact the church has experienced regarding the tree.

Rev. Daniels also requested tree be removed by City.

City Manager Baker stated if the Council wanted to remove the tree, it could be done at a cost of about \$2,500. The manager also stated the tree in question was a live tree and when trees are on city property it has been the practice to remove dead trees.

Chris Boyer, of the General Services Department, provided background information on this situation.

Several members of the Council spoke in support of removing the tree at the city's expense.

Steve Medlin of the City/County Planning Department stated if the tree is removed, one needs to be put in its place.

MOTION by Council Member Stith seconded by Council Member Clement to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on this item was approved at 5:00 p.m. by following vote: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: Council Member Brown.

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Stith that the city is to remove the tree located at 917 Onslow Street at the city's expense not to exceed \$3,000 and to replace with crepe myrtle was approved at 5:05 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: Council Member Brown.

At 6:10 p.m., the City Council held a closed session.

[Open Session]

SUBJECT: DATA OPERATIONS - WILD BUILDING CONTRACTORS, INC.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Catotti to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above-mentioned subject was approved at 6:22 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: None.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Catotti to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Wild Building Contractors, Inc. to toll, for six months, relevant statute(s) of limitations applicable to litigation between Wild Building Contractors and the City of Durham relating to the Data Operations, Maintenance and Administrative Facility project was approved at 6:22 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Brown, Catotti, Clement, Stith and Woodard. Noes: None. Absent: None.

D. Ann Gray, CMC
City Clerk